

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

	T	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		·	
APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE		FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/839,988	04/20/2001		Michael R. Treat	01038.20539 (20076.69)	3108
7	590	07/25/2003			
William H. Dippert Reed Smith LLP 599 Lexington Avenue				EXAMINER	
				COHEN, LEE S	
New York, NY 10022					
				ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
				3739	
				DATE MAILED: 07/25/2003	

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE U.S. Patent and Transmark Office

Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

APPLICATION NO./
CONTROL NO.

FILING DATE
FIRST NAMED INVENTOR /
PATENT IN REEXAMINATION

EXAMINER

ART UNIT
PAPER

DATE MAILED:

12

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Commissioner for Patents

Application/Control Number: 09/839,988

Art Unit: 3739

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on July 7, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because

Page 2

of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Amended claim 2 depends upon a cancelled claim and

the response to the double patenting rejection is incomplete absent the submission of a Terminal

disclaimer or a substantive argument as to its impropriety. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-

mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30)

DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the

omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD

MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Lee S. Cohen whose telephone number is 703-308-2998. The

examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:00-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Linda Dvorak can be reached on 703-308-0994. The fax phone numbers for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9302 for regular

communications and 703-872-9303 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding

should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0858.

Lee S. Cohen

Primary Examiner

Art Unit 3739

LSC

July 24, 2003